Handle Implementation at the Library of Congress

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Handle Implementation Goals:

- Assignment of Persistent Identifiers
- Resolution of Identifiers

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Assignment of Persistent Identifiers

- Naming Convention for Use at LC
- Structure for Management of Materials and Collections

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Naming Convention for Handles

- **loc.gmd/g3701p.rr000440**

- **loc.music/musdi.215**

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Resolution of Identifiers

- One-to-One Assignment to URL Address
- Provides Access to Materials and FIles

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Local Handle System Implementation

- Handle System Software
- ID’s and Associated Naming Authorities
- Handle Proxy Server

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Examples of Handles

- http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3701p.rr000440
- http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.music/musdi.215

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Future

- Continuing Use of Persistent Identifiers
- Continuing Review of Tools Related to Management of Digital Materials

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